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CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ [X] Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ [X] Specification, Claims, and Abstract (37 pages).
- ☒ [X] Informal drawings (26 sheets, Figures 1-36).
- ☒ [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).



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[X] The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

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